

HAVE MADE HISTORY

Notable Men One Meets on the Streets of Los Angeles.

Judge Knox, Hero of the Black Hawk War—Major Robinson Who Saved Seward's Life—An Exiled Polish King.

[Special Los Angeles (Cal.) Letter.]
PERHAPS no section of the world, covering the same number of acres, contains a greater number of people with whose life history is connected so much of general interest as southern California. Los Angeles and the surrounding country present such a variety of climate and scenery as to attract representatives of all nationalities and give them a home-like feeling. A person would be hard, indeed, to please to whom sea, mountain, hill, valley, mesa, snow and orange blossom all appealed in vain. The country possesses a certain fascination for all who visit it and the pleasant winters attract many who wish to pass the last years of life without severe climatic changes. The people all seem to feel that they "knew a good thing" and to be well satisfied with their choice of a home. The number of vigorous old people whom one meets on the streets of Los Angeles seems quite remarkable. The out-of-door customs of the inhabitants evidently prolong life. Judge John T. Knox, 91 years old, is one of the survivors of the Black Hawk war. He willingly tells the story of his connection with that unpleasantness, ascribing very little glory to himself. The sound of the voice of the old chief was sufficient to strike terror to any heart. Judge Knox was one of an "army" of 3,000 volunteers who assisted in subduing the Indians in northern Illinois, in 1832. By reason of illness he was only in the first battle, which was very exciting, but from which the followers of Black Hawk certainly bore away the honors of war. From this time the population of Illinois grew rapidly and the judge began to feel the need of more space.



MEDAL PRESENTED BY CONGRESS TO MAJ. ROBINSON.

He started for California in 1832 and has taken a prominent part in developing its interests. His present appearance would indicate that he might continue to vote the democratic ticket for 50 years longer. His first vote was cast for Jackson in 1832.
An orange grower of this country, Maj. George F. Robinson, has had a claim upon the gratitude of this country, which was very generally acknowledged many years ago. He is one of two men who were raised directly to the rank of major from that of private and is the only man on the Pacific coast to whom a vote of thanks and a gold medal were given for bravery. The medal is three inches in diameter and one-fourth of an inch thick. It contains \$225 worth of gold, and the steel die from which it was made required many weeks of artistic and skilled labor, and cost over \$2,000. He was also presented with \$5,000. Past him, as past all those in any way associated with the tragic events which took place in Washington April 14, 1865, will always flow a little current of public interest. It is a matter of history that there was a plot to murder several others on the night when Lincoln was assassinated. Of these, Secretary Seward came very near losing his life. Early in April he was injured in an accident and confined in his room.



COL. JOHN SOBIESKI.

where Mr. Blaine died about 30 years later. Mr. Robinson, who was detailed to Douglas army hospital, was detailed to nurse him. On this clear, bright night, the surgeon had pronounced the patient decidedly better. There were repeated assurances that the surrender of Lee and other great generals had led to a complete cessation of hostilities. Great satisfaction was expressed by cabinet officers at their informal meeting in the secretary's room early in the evening. The house was closed at ten p. m., Mr. Seward being asleep. His daughter, Miss Fannie, sat with Mr. Robinson near his bedside. A horseman galloped up to the door and hurriedly delivered the colored porter that he brought medicines from the surgeon and must see Mr. Seward at once. In face of all opposition he sprang up the stairs, wounded Mr. Frederick Seward, who had rushed into the hall, in the head, dealt Mr. Robinson a terrible blow, cutting Fannie aside and placed his now broken pistol on Mr. Seward's chest and with a long knife struck desperately at his head and neck, making deep gashes. Mr. Robinson leaped upon the bed, as the knife reached the secretary's neck for the second time, and pulled the would-be murderer to the floor. Now a desper-

ate hand-to-hand conflict ensued. Mr. Robinson was weakened by the gunshot wound he had received at Petersburg, but was naturally a powerful man, and, in spite of the furious struggle of his antagonist to free his hands, pushed him towards the doorway. Meantime Miss Fannie's shrieks had summoned Maj. A. H. Seward, who in his efforts to assist received several severe wounds and was forced down the stairs. The assassin now freed himself and bounded after him, stabbing a man as he passed, rushed out of the hall door, mounted his horse and dashed out into the night. He was a tall, blonde young man who was afterwards hanged, together with the other conspirators. A guard was placed around the house, and remained during the four years that Mr. Seward continued in office. It was thought for some time that he could not recover. Mr. Robinson's description of his life-and-death struggle with the desperate man is very thrilling. He seldom speaks of the occurrence.

A resident, certainly distinguished in his lineage, is Lucius Catelle Le Nan, who contradicts, in some respects, a statement concerning his illustrious ancestor which recently appeared in a Chicago paper. He claims to be the grandson of Emperor Napoleon. After the latter went to St. Helena, he had three sons whose mother was an African woman, the sister of the wife of a soldier. The second son married a Japanese lady while in China and assisted the Chinese authorities to wage war against pirates. In one of these engagements his Japanese wife and children were killed. He afterwards married a Soudanese woman and became the father of four pairs of twins and four other children, all boys, who became military men, 11 being in active service at the present time. Seven of these, strange to say, are in the British army, three guarding Boer prisoners at St. Helena. Mr. Le Nan graduated at Oxford (in England) in 1877, then spent two years at Heidelberg, studying civil engineering and languages. He writes and speaks fluently 13 languages. His religion is Mohammedanism.

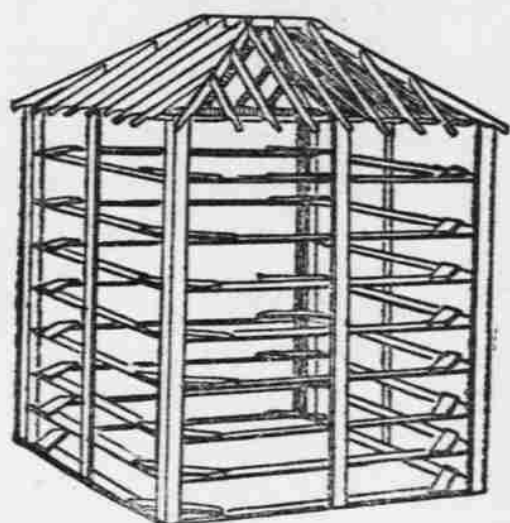
One of the city's latest acquisitions

AGRICULTURAL HINTS

SILO CONSTRUCTION.
Observations and Experience of an Ohio Farmer Who Says He Has No Ax to Grind.

Before binding my silo I examined silos of different construction, some of stone, some of cement and others of wood; some round and some square. Then I built my silo of wood, square, with corners well rounded. I aimed to make my silo strong and cheap. There are many methods of construction, some complicated and costly. But I still think that the simplest, strongest, cheapest and tightest pit that will preserve the silage is the best.

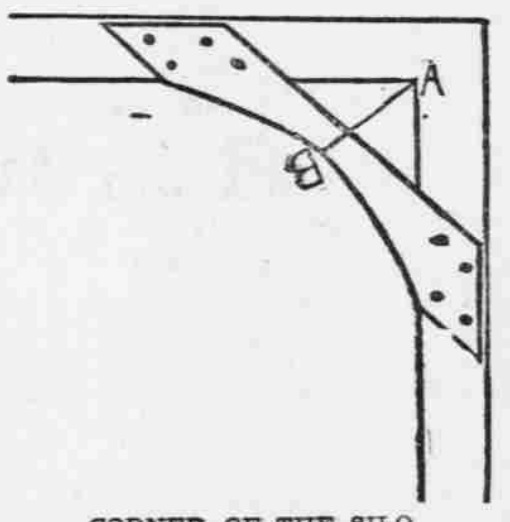
I believe that for the best practical results the diameters should



FRAME FOR SILO.

range from 12 to 16 feet, according to the amount of stock fed from the silo. I do not think it advisable or practical to build a silo smaller than 12 feet square or 12 feet in diameter. And rather than go above 16 or 18 feet in diameter I advise increasing the capacity by building more silos. The craze just now is for the round stave silos, but I think the average farmer who expects to build a silo would better build a square frame with rounded corners, for the following reasons:

A square wood silo with ribs or girts around it horizontally, lined up and down inside and weatherboarded outside, whether built in a barn or outside, whether tied to another building or standing alone, will always be firm and rigid, and will not suffer from the drying-out process



CORNER OF THE SILO.

that occurs during the hot weather, when the silo is empty. And this, I think, is a strong point in favor of the frame silo. I have learned of round silos that went to wreck, like an old barrel, in the dry weather. In the Wisconsin bulletin No. 83 the writer says he visited a number of stave silos that were badly damaged and wrecked in this drying-out process and by the wind. In my judgment this wrecking process would be worse in a silo where the staves had been spliced, for they must be made weaker in splicing the staves.

As I am not a draughtsman, I enclose an illustration from the Wisconsin bulletin that exactly indicates the framework of my silo, except that my silo is 30 feet high and that the girts are closer than here indicated. The corner pieces or segments are not properly indicated in the cut, so I have drawn another sketch that clearly indicates them. In Fig. 2 you will see that I have the corner well rounded. From the inside of the corner (A) to the face of the segment (B) is 12 inches, and we have no trouble in going around this corner with ordinary tongued and grooved flooring. We lined this framework with yellow pine flooring and gave it a coat of hot coal tar every year; one dollar's worth of tar and one dollar's worth of labor are ample for this work. It is air-tight and preserves the silage perfectly, and I believe it is the strongest and not neglected the lining will last indefinitely. Some advocate a brick lining, but I do not think this practical, for the crockeries would let in the air and the outside woodwork could not well be made air-tight. While in wood-lined silo, tongued and grooved, the moisture of the silage will at once swell it into an air-tight condition, and when the tarring is we do not the drying out is reduced to the minimum and the wood protected against decay.

The next pit I will build will be of the same construction, but larger. I believe it is practical to build them firm enough and strong enough against any bulging, up to 16 feet square. I do not think cement at all practical in silo construction (except as a foundation), for the least swelling or contraction would crack and break the coating and let the air in.—M. C. Morris, in Ohio Farmer.

Great Variations in Milk.

Great variations are noticeable in the portions of milk drawn consecutively from the udder of the cow. At the New York station a cow was milked pit by pit and each pint was tested for fat. The following results were obtained: 0.85, 1.43, 1.68, 2.02, 2.23, 2.65, 3.28, 3.74, 4.05, 4.36, 4.48, 4.30, 5.23. There is a difference between the first and last pit of over 600 per cent. Cows at different farms produce milk varying in richness. One agricultural writer says that a young cow produces richer milk than does an old cow. We are not yet ready to accept this statement as of a fact.—Farmers' Voice.

ARTISTS AND THEIR WORK.

Italy's art treasures apart from buildings are valued at \$8,200,000.

George Hitchcock, the artist, though now living handsomely on the proceeds of his art in Holland, once made a living by running a small bric-a-brac shop in Chicago.

Princess Louise has just completed the statue of Queen Victoria which she undertook some time ago to execute for the Manchester cathedral. The result is said to be most satisfactory.

Gustav Korn, a New York brush-maker, has made a life-size portrait of George Washington in bristles of various colors, taking Stuart's celebrated painting for a model. The bristle picture is said to be quite a work of art. It is on exhibition in the window of a Pearl street store.

Miss Ellen Terry the other day objected to the number of her photographs in various characters scattered throughout the house of a friend. "Why, it's embarrassing," she said. "Here I am weeping in your bedroom, mad in your dining-room and dying three different ways in your drawing-room."

M. Daumet, of the French institute, and a number of other French architects have petitioned the senate against any interference with religious orders, on the ground that many of their buildings are the glory of France, and that they are likely to continue furnishing employment to the building trade.

ECHOES FROM THE BIG TOWNS

In London 37,000 girls attend cooking-classes.
Fewer people proportionately keep their own carriages in Paris than in London.

The board of health of the city of Galveston is arranging for a large supply of oil from the Beaumont wells to be used in fighting mosquitoes.

Twenty-nine per cent. of England's population live in cities of over 100,000. In the United States the proportion is 19 per cent.; in Germany, 17; in France, 12; Austria, 8, and Russia, 5.

In all big cities there are multitudes of folk who work in the night time. In London fully 100,000 inhabitants earn their bread by the sweat of their brows between sunset and sunrise.

A dime-museum "fire eater" in New York tried to vary his programme by inhaling gas, lighting his breath, and furnishing heat to cook griddle-cakes. He collapsed from the effects of the gas.

A runaway horse in Denver the other day finished his flight by landing in the interior of a rapidly moving trolley car, where he rode for nearly a block before the vehicle could be stopped.

DICTATES OF DAME FASHION.

A very quaint fashion is the revival of the paleot, it being most popular in black taffeta. It makes a pretty, light and inexpensive summer wrap, much beruched and trimmed.

There is such a lot in color, and few women know how to make the most of it. Black is either very becoming or quite the reverse, though on the whole it is smart, especially for evening wear.

Women have recently been wearing Chinese silk skirts with their light clinging gowns, and some of these go in with the lingerie. Nainsook, however, is the material of all others for the finest of petticoats.

Some of the newest French sleeve models show the most approved forms of the elbow styles arranged in every sort of quaint and fanciful form, and also the pretty coat shapes with picturesque finish at the top and about the wrists, the wrinkled mousquetaire forms, and the graceful bell styles with dainty undersleeves of gathered mull, batiste, net or chiffon.

RELATING TO ANIMALS.

Bees eat 20 pounds of honey in making one pound of wax.
The common wasp will destroy 80 to 120 flies a day.

There are about 7,000,000 ants in the United Kingdom.
The flourer lays 7,000,000 eggs a year. The terbot 12,000,000.

It is estimated that one crow will destroy 700,000 insects every year.

What the Name Tugela Means.
The name Tugela means "fear" and it has received the name from the rapidity with which it comes down in flood. A thunderstorm among the mountains in which it rises will raise the river many feet in a few minutes and a resident on its banks declares that he has seen it rise 40 feet in a single night! The current is at all times exceedingly swift and a comparatively light rise is sufficient to make the drift impassable, while a heavy rise will sweep away any temporary bridge that may have been erected.—N. Y. Sun.

Method in Her Action.
"I thought you were very fond of Mr. Bliffins," suggested her dearest friend. "It was last summer," replied the sweet young thing. "And yet your smiles now are all for Mr. Barkus."
"Yes; you see, Mr. Bliffins had an annual pass on a steamboat excursion line, but Mr. Barkus has some friends in the theatrical business. Between them I am putting in a perfectly lovely year."—Chicago Post.

Puts Them to Sleep.
The wound inflicted by a mauser bullet, the missile mostly used by Boers, is quite circular and much smaller than the end of a lead pencil. When a man is hit by one of these bullets he feels no pain or shock; but a stupid sensation, and a strange singing in the ears are felt, which render the majority of soldiers unconscious.—N. Y. Sun.

A Little Stepmother.
Uncle—Hello, Dot, got a new dolly? Little Miss Dot—Eh, uncle! Don't speak so loud. She is not one of my own, but belonged to Millie Simpson, who was cruel to her and 'bandoned her. So I 'dopted her; but I don't want her to know, 'cause I mean to make no difference between her and my own dollies.—Pittsburgh Bulletin.

Why He Didn't Recognize It.
Husband—What is the name of that new piece you just played?
Wife—Why, that isn't new. You have heard me play it a score of times.
"It doesn't sound familiar."
"I had the piano tuned to-day."—Chicago Evening News.

Climatic Effect in Siberia.
It is observed by travelers in Siberia that the effect of constant cold is practically the same as the effect of constant heat. The people develop a disinclination to work, and become strangers to ambition of any description.—Cleveland Leader.

Circumstances.
Parson Meekins (to convict)—My friend, remember we are here to-day and gone to-morrow.
Convict (calmly)—You might be, but I ain't.—Baltimore Jewish Comment.

THE MARKETS.

	New York, July 1.
CATTLE—Native Steers	4.50 @ 6.00
COTTON—Middling	12.50 @ 13.00
FLAX—Winter Wheat	3.50 @ 3.75
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	4.25 @ 4.50
CORN—No. 2	1.25 @ 1.50
OATS—No. 2	1.00 @ 1.25
ST. LOUIS.	
BEES—Native Steers	4.25 @ 6.00
CATTLE—Middling	12.50 @ 13.00
FLAX—Fair to Choice	5.00 @ 5.25
HOGS—Fair to Choice	6.00 @ 6.25
SHEEP—Fair to Choice	3.00 @ 3.25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	4.25 @ 4.50
CORN—No. 2	1.25 @ 1.50
OATS—No. 2	1.00 @ 1.25
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Native Steers	4.25 @ 6.00
HOGS—Fair to Choice	5.50 @ 5.75
FLAX—Winter Wheat	3.50 @ 3.75
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	4.25 @ 4.50
CORN—No. 2	1.25 @ 1.50
OATS—No. 2	1.00 @ 1.25
NEW ORLEANS.	
FLAX—High Grades	3.50 @ 3.75
CORN—No. 2	1.25 @ 1.50
OATS—No. 2	1.00 @ 1.25
ST. LOUIS.	
FLAX—Choice	18.00 @ 19.00
PORK—Standard Mess	15.75 @ 16.00
COTTON—Middling	12.50 @ 13.00
ST. LOUIS.	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	67 1/2 @ 68 1/2
CORN—No. 2	41 @ 42
OATS—No. 2	30 1/2 @ 31 1/2
PORK—New Mess	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2
BEACON—Short Rib Sides	9 1/2 @ 9 3/4
COTTON—Middling	48 @ 49

'Twas Her First Love.
On a corner stood a little barefoot girl in her rags. Her soiled, puffy little hands hugged another bundle of rags carefully to her stained, dimpled cheek, while she enjoyed all the joys of young motherhood. The bundle was her "baby." Tied with a string near one end, the rags formed into a head. Another string about the middle produced the effect of a waist line. A young man saw the happy little mother. "What's that?" he asked, resting a hand on the unkempt hair of the child.
"My dolly," she said, hugging the rags closer.
"Your dolly, eh? What a pretty dolly. And what do you call your baby?"
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Misapplied Industry.
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"It has been devoted to the interests of the taxpayers instead of us. You are good men in some ways, but you seem to lack judgment."—Chicago Post.

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His Egg Business.
"I am going into the egg business," said one city man to another.
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